

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

February 14, 2012

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on February 14, 2012. The following commission members were present: Jimmy Allgood, Chair, Chris Gorecki, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard and Derrick Lastinger.
- B. Also in attendance were Mr. Billy Skaggs with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Lastinger discussed BASF's new termiticide product called Termidor HE which has a conditional registration from US EPA. Termidor HE uses a molecule that temporarily "boosts" the transport of fipronil into the soil and benefits the applicator by applying 50 percent less water, 77 percent smaller trenches and allows for 18 inch drill spacing so the job can be done in about half the time of conventional jobs. EPA has requested soil residue data to demonstrate that a continuous treated zone can be established along foundation walls under the new use pattern. Termidor HE has 15 state registrations and the Georgia registration is currently pending. The Commission expressed some concern regarding the product establishing a "continuous treated zone" around the structure under the new use pattern. Mr. Allgood asked GDA to check with other Region 4 states for their registration decisions and additional registration requirements. Mr. Lastinger noted that the Commission has a mission and purpose to make decisions that will protect the consumers of Georgia and provide appropriate and necessary management tools for the pest management industry.
- F. Mr. Lastinger mentioned ASPCRO's recommendations and letter to EPA in regards to the rodenticide risk mitigation decision. ASPCRO is hoping to receive a response in regards to the recommendations soon.
- G. Mr. Allgood welcomed Mr. Skin Edge to the meeting and he provided an update on the legislative session.
- H. Dr. Forschler announced that the National Conference of Urban Entomology will be in Atlanta in May. The conference is the premier urban entomology conference for the latest urban entomology research.
- I. Dr. Forschler updated the Commission on national discussions involving IPM in schools. He discussed the importance of the pest management industry getting more involved in the discussions. Dr. Forschler shared his concerns with School IPM definitions and programs being developed on Agriculture IPM principles. For example, agriculture IPM principles are

based on action thresholds and these principles may not translate effectively into urban IPM.

- J. Dr. Forschler mentioned the [www.extentsion.org](http://www.extentsion.org) website hosted by numerous extension offices & universities. The website is a good resource for urban pest management information.
- K. Mr. Lastinger discussed a recent article in the *Florida Pest Pro Magazine*; the article discusses researchers using Nuvan Prostrips with a heat and circulation source. He mentioned Prostrip's use pattern with heat was done for research and that the label does not include instructions for use of the product with the application of heat. Pest Management Professionals are advised to carefully follow label directions on currently registered products.
- L. Mr. Lastinger discussed the Georgia Department of Agriculture's recent outreach effort with the County Health Department in Milledgeville to discuss licensing requirements in pest management for bed bug control.
- M. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that the Structural Pest Control Commission's Annual Report for the 2011 fiscal year is now on the Commission's website.
- N. Mr. Lastinger discussed termite inspection only contracts and warranties. GDA will draft a guidance policy for termite contract requirements for termite inspection protection contracts that do not include an initial preventive termite treatment.
- O. Mr. Lastinger discussed GDA's recent attendance to NPMA's National Wildlife Control Operator Conference in Atlanta. He noted the importance for wildlife control operators to be aware of licensing requirements for structural pest management.
- P. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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Jimmy Allgood, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## AGENDA

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1. Open – Allgood
2. Minutes
3. Expense Reports
4. New Company Applications
5. New Termiticide
6. Rodenticides SAP
7. University of Georgia Update – Forschler
8. Compliance & Enforcement Update – Wiley
9. Program Update – Lastinger
10. Exam Application Review

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**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- B-TEAM PEST SOLUTIONS, Stockbridge

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information.

- FULLER PEST SOLUTIONS, Loganville (pending Insurance)
- TURF MASTERS PEST PREVENTION, Woodstock (pending Insurance)
- BUG HOUSE PEST CONTROL (pending verification of registered employee)